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EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM REPUBLIC OF PANAMA PUBLIC REGISTRY CONCERNING INDEX INTERNATIONAL INCORPORATED. THE COMPANY APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE MANY ORGANIZED AND REGISTERED IN PANAMA BUT DOING BUSINESS ELSEWHERE. INDEX INTERNATIONAL INC. WAS ORGANIZED AND REGISTERED IN PANAMA IN OCTOBER 1968 TO ENGAGE AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY. IT IS CAPITALIZED WITH 500 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK LISTED IN NOMINAL VALUE. ITS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE IS THE COMPANY'S PRESIDENT, RICARDO A. DURLING. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTS OF DURLING, OSCAR A. CARRASCO, VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER, AND SONIA I. CRUZ. IT APPEARS THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE LAW FIRM OF DURLING AND DURLING THAT ORGANIZED AND REGISTERED THE COMPANY, SINCE THEIR ADDRESSES ARE ALL VIA ESPANA 120, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA. THE FIRM'S MAILING ADDRESS IS LISTED AS P.O. BOX 1450, PANAMA 1, REPUBLIC OF PANAMA. THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CORPORATION AS A "PAPER COMPANY" IS SUPPORTED BY THE FACT THAT LOCAL BANKS REPORT NO EXPERIENCE IN CONDUCTING FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITH INDEX INTERNATIONAL INC.

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